[Translation]

Tehri Dam

3886. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government for extending benefits of the dam reservoirs and Hydel Power Projects to the local people being affected by their construction in the Himalaya region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of drinking and irrigation water in catchment areas of Tehri Dam and the people have been demanding to lift the water of the rivers for several years;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any provision for a scheme for supplying electricity and water to Meerut and Delhi, Which are 300 and 350 km. away from the dam and fro supplying irrigation water to Aligarh;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the remedial measures taken by the Government to remove the water problem of the people of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (g) There is no general scheme evolved for extending benefits to persons affected by the construction of hydel power projects in the Himalayan region. The rehabilitation benefits such as compensation for the land acquired, employment, vocational training etc. are extended on case to case basis by the project authorities in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

Amongst the main benefits envisaged in the completion of Tehri Hydroelectric Project Stage-I, inter-alia, include supply of 162 million gallons (300 cusecs) of drinking water per day to Delhi and 108 million gallons (200 cusecs) of drinking water per day for the towns and villages of Uttar Pradesh. Schemes for lifting water from the rivers and alleviating the water problems of the people living in the catchment areas of Tehri Dam and in the region are the responsibilities of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Inter Personnel Communication Skill

3887. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any training programme relating to inter personnel communication skill to Government employees to interact with public and to others;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) The Department of Personnel and Training has been sponsoring a number of training programmes on a range of subjects. The subject of communication skills has also been one on which the training programmes have been sponsored. In the year 1996-97, for example, the following programmes related to communication skills were sponsored.

1. Effective Communication for Inter-personal Relations at Institute of Administration, Hyderabad (04-06th June, 1996)
2. Communication Skills & Managerial Effectiveness, Anna Institute of Management Chennai (12-14th June, 1996)
3. Communication Skills for Effective Managerial Decisions at Institute of Co-operative Management Guwahati (17-21st June, 1996)
4. Mass Media & Public Relations at Institute of Administration, Hyderabad (13th-17th May, 1996)
5. Media & Strategies for Development at Yashwant Rao Chavan Development Administrative Institute Pune (20-24th May, 1996)

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

D.D.A. Houses

3888. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "REJECTED DDA houses on offer" appearing in The Times of India dated March 7, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reasons for the public sector undertakings rejecting the flats offered to them by the Delhi Development Authority;

(d) the reasons for fleecing the common man by offering the houses under expandable housing scheme floated in 1996; and

(e) the steps taken to allow a locality of choice to the registrants of New Pattern Scheme, 1979, instead of thrusting upon them a locality not liked by them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The DDA has reported that no houses have been rejected by the Public Sector Undertakings. However,

some of these Undertakings wanted to have houses to suit their requirements.

(d) The expendable houses were also offered to the general public who had not registered earlier with the DDA. These houses would be allotted only to those who have applied for these houses.

(e) Allotments to the registrants of the New Patterns Registration Scheme 1979 are made by draw of lots and no area preference is allowed.

Uses of Atomic Energy

3889. SHRI NITISH BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on atomic reactors so far;

(b) the details of various uses of atomic energy;

(c) the benefit strictly in financial terms; and

(d) the different uses of atomic energy proposed to be put in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being compiled and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wastelands Development Programme

3890. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give some incentives to motivate the Corporate Sector for taking up Wasteland Development Programme and providing tax relief under this programme and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 12 Wasteland Development Projects of Rajasthan are pending with the Union Government;

(d) if so, whether Union Government propose to issue the sanction of these projects;

(e) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be sanctioned;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Union Government propose to revise the cost per hector of Wasteland Development Programme in view of the geographic conditions and adverse climatic conditions of the States;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The on-going Central Sector Investment Promotional Scheme for development of Non-forest Wastelands (IPS) envisages involving corporate sector in the development of wastelands. The objective of the scheme is to facilitate/attract/channelise/mobilize resources from financial institutions, banks, corporate bodies including user industries and other entrepreneur for development of non forest wastelands belonging to Central/State Governments, Panchyat, Village Community, Private Farmers etc.

Under the scheme, Central promotional subsidy/grant is provided by Central Government subject to a maximum of Rs. 25.00 lakhs or 25% of the total cost of the project as approved and firmed up by the financial institutions/ banks, whichever is less. In addition, project formulation assistance for the preparation of bankable/viable projects at the rate of 1% of the project cost is permissible; however, in the case of projects promoted by Members of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, they are eligible for 50% promotional grant/subsidy subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50,000 per project, in addition to the provision of 1% of the project cost as project formulation assistance.

The Investment Promotional scheme has no provision for tax relief.

(c) to (f) Presently, three proposals are pending for consideration under Integrated Wastelands Development Projects (IWDP) Scheme in the Department submitted by Sikar (two project proposals) and Dholpur, districts of Rajasthan.

Other 10 proposals have been returned to the State Government for re-formulation as per Guidelines for Watershed Development. On receipt of required information these proposals will be considered on merit. No time limit can be indicated for sanction of these projects.

(g) Presently, no proposal for revision of cost norms per hectare under IWDP scheme for Watershed Development is under consideration.

(h) Question does not arise.

(i) No specific request has been received so far.

Uptron India Ltd.

3891. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Uptron India Ltd., a UP Electronics Corporation Unit, is lying sick from 1994 with BIFR and the Prime Minister had assured that the Uptron will not be allowed to be sold;

(b) if so, the number of employees on the strength of Uptron, as on date, category-wise;